

Dear FCC,

XM Radio has become an integral part of my family's life. Without the availability of XM's traffic and weather channels, I would have to listen to FM radio for 30-60 minutes to get an updated traffic and weather report. With XM we can just tune to the channel for our specific area and receive instantaneous reports.

XM Radio provides a variety of stations. If users desire to pay for a service, they are entitled to get it. The weather and traffic radio stations provide a necessary means to avoiding traffic and planning events for certain weather conditions. With the threat of the National Association of Broadcasters trying to flex their muscle on XM, this violates the first amendmant of our constitution. There is a reason why our first amendmant was written as the first and most important; to escape persecution by overbearing influences and give us the freedoms that fall therein.

I respectfully request that the FCC reject NAB's petition 04-160 and support our first amendmant. By rejecting this unlawful petition, XM listeners will continue to receive the programming that we deserve.

Respectfully,
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